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#### TITLE OF INVENTION

(The TE (Turner Ensemble) by VITO is) a combination reversible jacket and tote bag  
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#### CROSS – REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

All references pertaining to the present invention should be applied to the provisional  
patent application number 60/253,001 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office on November 27, 2000.

#### STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPEMENT

Not Applicable.

#### REFERENCE TO A MICROFICHE APPENDIX

Not Applicable

## BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

### Field Of Invention

The present invention relates to a combination (garment used as both a reversible jacket and tote bag). It is designed to be a convenient and practical jacket, which could be quickly turned into a tote bag by executing maneuvers that are basic and simple. (The jacket has an enlarged pocket located at the upper rear portion of the garment, of which can be turned inside out to insert the jacket into itself, thus forming the tote bag structure). The jacket is (also) reversible and (can be worn inside out). (The overall appearance of the present invention is such that the multiple functions are not obvious to the human eye). Furthermore, the present invention was created as casual outerwear or the like or as a carrying tote bag of which either function can be used for general purposes.

### Description of Prior Art

To date we have seen (combinations of garment used as both jacket and bag) and various attempts have been made in prior art to produce garments that have multiple uses. The drawbacks are that the multiple functions are actually limited or the maneuvers used to convert the item from one function to another are oftentimes tedious and laborious.

United States Patent Des. 277, 049 describes a jacket and carrier bag combination in which the major drawback is that the carrier bag can only hold one item, the jacket itself and nothing more. The limited use of the combination beach towel and tote bag found in U.S. Patent 4,856,912 is severely obvious in that the tote bag is so large it would be more of a chore to carry the item anywhere other than to the beach. The combination garment used, as a jacket and bag found in U.S. Patent 4,347,629 and the combination coat with a built in

sleeping bag found in U.S Patent 4,158,892 require elaborate adjustments to produce the desired effects or functions. Both items offer a rather unpleasant appearance when worn as a clothing item due to the multiple fastener tracks and sliders, pockets and buttons needed to transform the item from jacket or coat to the respective bag function.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention overcomes (the) problems (of the other prior art by the simplicity of its multiple functions as a reversible jacket that converts into a tote bag. It only requires two maneuvers in that the wearer of the jacket takes off the jacket and then turns the pocket, located at the upper rear portion of the jacket, inside out, inserting the jacket into itself and converting it into a tote bag). When the garment is worn as a jacket, its function as a tote bag is not obvious to the human eye. (Nor does the function as a tote bag give way to the indication that the tote bag is a jacket as well). The simplicity of the invention makes the item versatile, comfortable and useful and presents the (garment) to look more like fashionable outerwear while concealing its multiple functions.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

### Description of the Preferred Embodiment

The features of the present invention will be apparent from the following description with reference to the accompanying drawings, which illustrate preferred embodiment of the invention:

FIG 1 is a perspective view of the (garment) used both as a jacket and tote bag in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, seen from the front.

FIG 2 is a perspective view of the outerwear garment of FIG 1 seen from the rear.

FIG 3 is a view of the conversion from jacket to tote bag as (the pocket) is turned inside out.

FIG 4 is a perspective view of the (outerwear garment) converted into a tote bag and ready for use.

FIG 5 is a perspective view of the outerwear garment of FIG 1 in its reversible mode as seen from the front.

FIG 6 is a perspective view of the outerwear garment of FIG 1 in its reversible mode as seen from the rear.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring to Fig. 1, this view is a perspective view of (outerwear garment) in its mode of operation as a casual jacket or the like. Mouth 1 is the head and neck opening of the (outerwear garment). Buttonhole track 2 along with button 3 is the fastening device used to keep the (garment) closed when being worn (as a jacket). Sleeve 4 is used to receive the arms into the (outerwear garment) and trunk portion 5 is for the upper part of the body. (Trunk portion base 6 is the lower portion of trunk portion 5 of the said garment). Fig. 2 shows the rear view of the (outerwear garment). (A double layer of material is sewn together to form the back piece of the trunk portion 5 of the outerwear garment). (The top layer of material has a mouth opening identified by 20 that leads to the sack portion, which is the result of the layers) of material being attached. (Straps) 21 are the (drawstrings) that are used to carry the combination (garment used as jacket and tote bag) when the said (garment) is being used in the tote

bag function. The (straps 21 are threaded) through loop hole 22. Fig 3 is a full view of the jacket as it is converted into the tote bag mode. (To convert the outerwear garment as jacket into a tote bag you must first turn the outerwear garment over to reveal the mouth opening identified by 20 in Fig 2. Place your hand through the opening until you reach bottom of trunk portion base 6. Grab hold of material at base 6 and pull upward, turning the sack portion 30 inside out). The Sleeves 4, truck portion 5, button hole track 2 and button 3 along with mouth opening 1 are all (received down) into sack portion 30. (Drawstrings 21 are adjusted to use as a handle). To convert the tote bag back into a jacket, simply reach inside the tote bag and pull out the sleeves 4 and the entire trunk portion 5, button hole track 2 and button 3 will unfold to reveal itself once again as (an outerwear garment). You could then place (drawstrings 21 inside the pocket 20 identified in Fig 2). The jacket is again now ready to be worn. Because the jacket is reversible, Fig (4) is a perspective view of the jacket in reversible mode. By simply turning the jacket inside out, you achieve and new look in that interlock stitching (40) is (along sleeves 3) and the entire border of the jacket (and zipper 41 is used to close the garment). The inside back (panel) of the jacket (is the oversize pocket 20 identified in Fig 2). The present invention used as a (jacket in reversible mode) more particularly relates to the view in (Fig 5) which is a plain view of the rear of the jacket with inter-lock stitching (40) visible as the border design (in that Fig 5 reveals a very clean look as the pocket 20 from Fig 2 is) now completely concealed.